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Dear Department of Justice Enforcement Officers,

Please don't let Microsoft shut linux and open source software (Apache, Sendmail, PERL) out of meaningful use of the internet and the software world. Section III J 2 of the Proposed Final Judgement seems to be set to do that. Schools and other non-profit agencies that are using linux and Apache would be even further damaged in such a case. We rely on open source to allow us to keep up with the best in educational network products for our students. One can already see the noose tightening around our computer freedom with the xp licensing requirements and the refusal of Microsoft to discount educational use of its ware. The monopoly only gets stronger, it seems.

The proposed language of this judgement will allow Microsoft to write out SAMBA and other open source efforts from interaction with its products. These open source efforts serve real educational purpose for the schools of America.

Microsoft was found "guilty". If you accept the proposed language of III J2, it will reward Microsoft for its monopolistic, anti-competitive rip-offs. Don't let their army of lawyers defeat the verdict of the federal courts. Enlarge your legal definitions to safeguard the precious volunteer work of not-for-profits, please!

Sincerely,

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